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RE: Matter Under Review Number 6509

Dear Ms. Collins,

We received the Federal Election Commission's letter dated November 9, 2011, notifying Friends of Herman Cain, Inc. and Treasurer Mark J. Block of a complaint filed by Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington ("CREW") pursuant to the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended.

The complaint accompanying the Commission's notice, which we received on November 14, lists various allegations against several respondents, including the Cain campaign, Mr. Block, and certain tax-exempt organizations. CREW also alleges facts that appear to pre-date the formation of Mr. Cain's campaign committee and, in some circumstances, Mr. Cain's presidential exploratory committee. It will require a substantial amount of time to locate and interview knowledgeable witnesses and identify documents that might be relevant to these allegations.

As you are likely aware, CREW filed its complaint in the heat of the Republican presidential race. Because the Iowa Caucus is scheduled for January 3, 2012, and the New Hampshire Primary is on January 7, 2012, there are substantial demands on the time of Mr. Block and others supporting Mr. Cain's presidential campaign. We are also entering the holiday season, which is when witnesses are least likely to be available because of personal travel. In light of these scheduling challenges, we ask that the Commission grant a 60-day extension to enable the Cain campaign to respond appropriately. This request would require a response on or before January 13, 2012.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (678) 974-3146.

Sincerely,



Scott Bieniek
General Counsel
Friends of Herman Cain, Inc.